

Control Staff, ORR

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Chief, Materials Division, ORR

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Evaluation of a Source

- REF : (1) K-5641
(2) Memorandum from Chief, Acquisition Branch, OISR, dated 17 July 1958, on the above subject

1. The following comments are offered in response to the request contained in the referenced memorandum:

Paragraph 2

(a) There have been reports of an unidentified factory being built 30 miles south of Angarsk.

(b) Statement concerning completion of oil pipeline from Ufa is false. A line is being built from Ufa to Irkutsk, but is presently about 1,000 miles west of the latter and will not be completed before 1960.

(c) "Combine 16" is a synthetic fuels factory, known to produce gasoline, kerosene, and diesel oils in 1955. Only one section of plant completed prior to 1957. Second section may be operating on petroleum residuals brought in from Ural-Volga region by tank cars. Probably makes benzol and naphthalene; known to make methanol. No confirmation of other products mentioned. It is not a "nuclear factory."

(d) An aluminum plant is reported to be under construction approximately 18 kilometers southwest of Irkutsk. The present stage of construction is such that operation is not anticipated prior to 1962-1963.

Paragraph 3

(a) Angarsk is located 30 kilometers northwest of Irkutsk, not northeast.

(b) A gaseous diffusion plant (atomic energy installation) is believed to be located in the area west of Lake Baikal.

(c) Two chemical plants were projected for operation in this general area, one for making calcium carbide, the other for synthetic

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rubber. If possible we would like to know from source whether these have been actually completed.

2. Little information has been received from this area from either overt or covert sources.

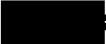
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